Rajasthan during 2003, 2004, 2005, year-wise, as informed by National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), is as follows:

Year	State Commission	District Forum	Total
2003	35	12872	12907
2004	16	12337	12353
2005	12	12399	12411

(b) The number of cases disposed of during the period, year-wise, as informed by NCDRC is as follows:

Year	State Commission	District Forum	Total
2003	66	13947	14013
2004	57	13363	13420
2005	201	13369	13570

(c) Such information is not maintained separately.

(d) The total number of accumulated cases pending for disposal at the end of 2005 as informed by NCDRC is as follows :

Year	State Commission	District Forum	Total
End of 2005	9726	13127	22853

(e) The pendency is reducing gradually from year to year.

Procurement of foodgrains

3074. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procurement of foodgrains decreased from 2003 onward;

(b) if so, whether the decline is in consonance with the decline in foodgrains production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the price offered by Government for foodgrain procurement in the last four seasons;

(e) the price offered by the private procurers during that period; and

(f) whether the procurement by the private players is increasing and it is hurting the market sentiment which is causing an increase in prices of essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The procurement of rice and coarse grains has been on the increase since 2003. However, the procurement of wheat has declined in 2005 and 2006 due to high ruling open market prices, lower than the targeted production of wheat, negative market sentiments due to low stocks of wheat in Central Pool and more active participation by private traders.

(d) The Minimum Support Price offered by Government for foodgrains procurement in the last 4 marketing season is given below:—

(Rs. per qtl.)

Marketing Season	MSP of wheat	MSP of paddy		Coarsegrains	
		Common	Grade 'A'	Jowar/Bajra Maize/Ragi	Barley
2002-03	620	530 &	560 &	485&	500
2003-04	620=	550	580	505	500-
2004-05	630	560	590	515*	525
2005-06	640	570	600	525@	540
2006-07	650#	–	–	–	550

& The Govt. had approved the payment of special drought relief of Rs. 20 for paddy Rs. 10 for Bajra and Rs. 5 for the Jowar, Maize/ragi.

= The Govt. had approved the payment of special drought relief of Rs. 10 per quintal for wheat and Rs. 5 per quintal for barley.

* for Maize, MSP was Rs. 525/- per qtl.

@ for Maize, SP is Rs. 540 per qtl.

An incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal given on wheat purchased during 20.3.06 to 30.6.06 over and above the MSP.

(e) and (f) Data pertaining to prices offered by private procurers/traders and the quantum of procurement by private players is not maintained in the Ministry.

Export of sugar

†3075. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the export of sugar by issuing a notification on 4th July, 2006;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 50,000 tonnes of sugar were lying at ports for exports at the time of issuing of said notification;

(d) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to export of said sugar and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has prohibited export of sugar up to 31st March, 2007 *vide* Notification No. 18 dated 4th July, 2006 issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Indian Sugar Exim Corporation, about 60,000 M.Ts. were lying at/near the port permises at the time of issuing the Notification dated 4th July, 2006.

(e) The Government has decided to allow export of sugar which had left the factory premises before 22nd June 2006, subject to certain conditions.

FPS Management

3076. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.